(a) whether Government are aware that former RBI Governor, Mr. Narasimhan has urged repealing the Bank Nationalised Act and State Bank Act to convert public sector banks into companies under the Companies Act; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALA SAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) The Committee on Banking Sector Reforms did not recommend repeal of the Acts or conversion of public sector banks into companies under the Companies Act.

(b) Does not arise

Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme

†2702. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV :

SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to State :

(a) whether Government have continued with the voluntary disclosure of income schemes introduced in 1997-98;

(b) if so, the number of people, who have made disclosure of their income under the scheme, category-wise;

(c) the rate at which income tax would be recovered by Government on the income disclosed by the people of different categories; and

(d) what action Government would like to take in case of non-disclosure of income voluntarily ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) The Government is not continuing with the Voluntary Disclosure of Income Scheme 1997 which came into operation with effect from 1-7-1997 and ended on 31-12-1997.

(b) to (d) In view of answer to part (a) of the question, the replies to parts (b), (c) and (d) are not applicable.

Investigation in Valuation of Alcoholic Beverages Imported by M/s. Seagram

2703. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to unstarred Question 2073 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st December, 1999 and state :

† Original Notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(a) Whether Government have since completed the investigation in regard to the valuation of the concentrates of Alcoholic Beverages imported by M/s Seagram;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken in the matter; and

(c) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative by when the investigation are likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) and (b) No. Sir. The investigation is in progress.

(c) Steps are being taken to complete the investigation at the earliest.

Cases of drug trafficking

2704. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of drug trafficking cases have been detected recently in Delhi by the Delhi Police/Custom officials as well as in other parts of the country;

(b) if so, the number of cases detected and drugs seized during the last three years till date particularly from the border areas of the country;

(c) the details of the effective/preventive measures being taken by government to check this menace; and

(d) the number of people arrested till date in this regard indicating their nationality and action taken against them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per information received from various Central and State drug Law Enforcement Agencies as on 31-03-2000, number of cases detected and quantity of drug seized (in kgs.) during last three years upto 31st March, 2000 are as under :